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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT : CONSULAR COMMISSIONS FOR OFFICERS ASSIGNED IN CONSULAR
CAPACITY TO THE GDR

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER OPENING OF EMBASSY IN DECEMBER, WE INFORMED FOREIGN MISTRY BY NOTE THAT VICTOR WOLF, JR., AND THOMAS R. HANSON WERE COMMISSIONED AS CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL RESPECTIVELY AND WOULD PERFORM CONSULAR FUNCTIONS HERE. THE NOTE ALSO FORWARDED SAMPLE SIGNATURES OF BOTH OFFICERS AND REQUESTED SIMILAR SAMPLES OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO AUTHOENTICATE SIGNATURES OF NOTARIES AND OTHERS IN THE GDR. WE HAVE RECEIVED THOSE SAMPLES, AND CONSULAR WORK HAS PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY SINCE THEN.

2. WE WONDER IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN THOUGH TO THE DELIVERY IN THE NEAR OR MIDDLE TERM OF CONSULAR COMMISSIONS FOR THESE OFFICERS TO THE GDR. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE GDR CONSIDER THE NOTE MENTIONED ABOVE AS PROVISIONAL NOTIFICATION OR WHETHER THEY INDEED WISH SUCH COMMISSIONS, EITHER FOR RECORDING AND RETURN OR AS THE BASIS OF THE ISSANCE OF EXEQUATURS. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH QUESTIONS AS RECIPROCITY AND THE STATUS OF THE US-GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS PLAY A ROLE IN HOW THIS MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED.

3. THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER ARE REQUESTED. COOPER
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